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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment in New York was at best steady, with prices unchanged when compared to the previous day's values. Demand was light to moderate and showed signs of improvement in areas where features were either planned or in progress. Supplies ranged adequate to available, instances ample in some locations. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were noted as normal to reduced. Spent hen offerings were usually fully sufficient for a moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal to less than normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good, and reported as improving, especially in areas with features planned or in progress. Food service movement was in a full range of light to good. Supplies were easily adequate to ample.

EXTRA LARGE	50-60	51-57
LARGE	49-59	50-53
MEDIUM	39-49	41-44

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly		
LARGE	27-36	31
MEDIUM	14-20	18
SMALL	8-12	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging barely steady to steady. Demand was light to instances moderate with some improvement noted in areas where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available, instances ample in some locations. Breaking stock supplies were about sufficient for the light demand. Schedules were normal to less than normal. Spent hens were fully adequate for the at least moderate demand. Schedules were reported as mostly normal to less than normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-74	60-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	43-56	48-50

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged but were trending lower for next week. Trade sentiment generally steady. Retail demand moderate to fairly good and improved where features are a factor. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offers were adequate and held with confidence for the moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full time to reduced.

Trade sentiment steady.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62.5-71	64-75
LARGE	59.5-68	61-64
MEDIUM	48.5-57	50-53

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for mostly normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-70.25	60-63
LARGE	57-66.25	58-61
MEDIUM	45.5-57.25	46-50

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Price were unchanged when compared to yesterday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	63-67
LARGE	61-65
MEDIUM	47-51

<b>MIDWEST REGIONAL</b>	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-66	59-63
LARGE	56-65	57-59
MEDIUM	46-55	49-51

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**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week throughout the region 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings fully adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate to improved as the market appeared to near bottom. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 61. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 99, 3 for \$5.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114
EXTRA LARGE	102
LARGE	92
MEDIUM	81

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	83-103
EXTRA LARGE	81-90
LARGE	79-82
MEDIUM	68-71

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	99-199
MEDIUM	189-205

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were reported as tight to adequate. Demand was light. Floor stocks balanced to adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time to shortened. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	32-34	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	19-21
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was steady as buyers and sellers continue to monitor further market developments. Offerings were limited from regular suppliers. Floor stocks were usually about adequate for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 05-Feb-05 were 9 percent less than the previous week and about unchanged when compared to the same week a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-33	29-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-22	16-20
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 05-FEB-05**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,204,414	28,985	11,296	6,130	2,686	4,174
PW	1,239,584	29,192	12,629	6,605	2,910	4,315
LY	1,150,257	25,767	12,068	6,592	2,835	4,107
% CHG PW	-3	-1	-11	-7	-8	-3
% CHG LY	5	12	-6	-7	-5	2
2005	6,176,677	146,643	60,909	32,592	15,754	21,874
2004	5,684,035	132,218	56,090	30,975	13,587	20,485
% CHG YTD	9	11	9	5	16	7
	CURRENT		PREVIOUS		LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK		WEEK		YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.00		42.55		42.19	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.53		39.07		38.62	

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 44.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported from 27 to 27.5 cents fob. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg, unsettled for whites and barely steady for yolk. Demand was quiet for whole egg and whites with yolk demand slightly more active than previously noted. Offerings were adequate or available for yolk and balanced for whole egg and whites. Breaking schedules full-time to part-time with breaking stock prices ranging unchanged to 1 cent higher than last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	8	30.5-33.5	31.63	1.67
WHITES	9	24-25	24.22	.22
YOLKS	12	42-45.5	43.96	-.79

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged on yolks, lower on whites, but higher on whole when compared to the previous week's trading. Overall, trade sentiment was generally steady on most items. Supplies were balanced to available. Demand was light to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 05-Feb-2005 were 10% less than the previous week, but 4% higher than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	38-44	39-40.5	45-50.5
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		58-75
WHITES	36-44	38-40	44-49
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-60	54-57	61-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-56	52-55	58-63
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1.5 to 2 cents higher while white prices were 1 to 2 cents lower. Sugared and salted yolk prices ranged unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to firm for whole egg, cautiously steady to fully steady for whites and barely steady for frozen yolk products. Contractual demand was seasonally hand to mouth while spot movement of all frozen products was reported as extremely quiet this week. Breaking stock prices were slightly higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	39-40.5	39
WHITES	38-40	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	57
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	53-54

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 3 cents higher on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/5 was 5% less than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	46-49
WHITES	44-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-62

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices were lower on albumen, but mostly values were unchanged on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand improved in some locations, soft in others; overall interest was generally light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Trade sentiment was barely steady on albumen, and usually steady on balance, but some caution was noted. LTL volume was generally trading at higher levels. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 05-Feb-2005 were 8% less than the previous week, and 5% less than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 16% higher than a year earlier. Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.29-1.68	MOSTLY 1.40-1.55
YOLKS	1.34-1.55	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.30-2.70	MOSTLY 2.39-2.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.34-1.70	MOSTLY 1.35-1.50

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 11, 2005-FEB 17, 2005****CURRENT LOADS** 117.00**FUTURE LOADS** 61.75**TOTAL LOADS** 178.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.67	38.50	34.67	35.56	—	36.33	16.00
GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	61.00	—	58.50	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	58.00	59.00	47.00	56.00	4.00
GL W XL	—	47.00	43.90	47.93	42.29	—	45.75
GL W LG	—	45.91	40.44	47.20	37.65	40.46	31.50
GL W MD	—	33.50	31.00	33.33	27.63	30.22	30.50
GL W SM	24.67	27.56	24.25	26.57	23.00	25.00	6.75
NRBS - 48	—	28.57	27.00	28.00	27.50	32.20	54.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	2.00
GL W XL	42.00	50.33	—	—	—	54.14	32.00
GL W LG	41.50	48.20	—	54.67	—	49.17	19.75
GL W MD	32.00	32.00	—	38.50	—	38.93	9.25
GL W SM	23.00	—	—	—	29.00	29.00	2.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-11	8-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Light hen bookings were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-7	0-5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

FEB 18, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	61.50	60.00	49.00
SOUTHEAST	61.50	59.50	48.00
MIDWEST	54.00	51.50	42.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	69.50	62.50	51.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	62.02	58.54	47.91

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for both light and heavy canners with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were mostly normal to less than normal. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-33 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
30-35 MAJORITY 31-35	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 12-FEB-05  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,305	1,246	2,551
Last Week	1,321	1,336	2,657
Same week yr ago	1,230	1,319	2,549
To-date/2005	8,480	7,513	15,993
To-date/2004	7,834	7,665	15,499

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	267	0	267
Last Week	225	4	229
Same week yr ago	153	7	160
To-date/2005	1,895	4	1,899
To-date/2004	1,592	25	1,617

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,572	1,246	2,818
Last Week	1,546	1,340	2,886
Same week yr ago	1,383	1,326	2,709
To-date/2005	10,375	7,517	17,892
To-date/2004	9,426	7,690	17,116

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 5, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	106	191	933	533
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	14	0	21	9
Total	120	191	954	542

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 5, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	268	99	1,102	623
Frozen	44	45	108	142
Dried	0	156	120	471
Total	312	300	1,330	1,236

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 5, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	0	50
Extra Large	0	0	0	750
Large	150	800	1,100	3,693
Medium	1,350	0	3,315	780
Ungraded	0	750	0	750
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	1,500	1,550	4,415	6,023

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	02/14/05	3,518	82,994	43,631
AM	02/01/05	3,613	78,113	44,671
CHG		-95	4881	-1040
PCT CHG		-3%	6%	-2%

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 12-Feb-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	241	2	3
East North Central	585.3	4	1
West North Central	277.6	2	-3
South Atlantic	213.5	-1	5
South Central	61.5	-2	-12
West	183.9	3	1
Total	1562.8	2	0
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 12-Feb-2005

Selected	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Consuming Centers	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	21.9	26.8	-18	-23
Boston	3.5	3.3	6	0
Chicago	60.0	65.7	-9	5
Detroit	28.7	21.6	33	13
Kansas City	2.3	6.2	-63	-30
Los Angeles	86.6	88.5	-2	-9
New Orleans	8.0	7.5	7	4
New York	31.4	30.4	3	18
St. Louis	14.8	15.8	-6	-11
San Francisco	18.6	18.6	0	-11
Total	275.8	284.4	-3	-3
4 Week Moving Avg.	302.1			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

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PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	108	105	80	47
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	101-105	98-102	73-77	40-44
MOSTLY	103-104	100-101	75-76	42-43
RHODE ISLAND	107-111	104-108	79-83	46-50
MOSTLY	107	104	79	46
VERMONT	108-110	105	80-85	-
MOSTLY	108	-	80	-

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